

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
**A-9488.RCE**

In Re Application Of: **Bruce L. Kiehne**

**MAY 11 2009**

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**U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. <b>10/528,422</b>	Filing Date <b>March 18, 2005</b>	Examiner <b>Julie Ann Szpira</b>	Customer No. <b>20741</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3731</b>	Confirmation No. <b>4461</b>
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Invention: **SURGICAL SCALPEL WITH RETRACTABLE GUARD**

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of December 9, 2008 in the above-identified application.

*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: April 9, 2009      until: May 9, 2009  
*Date*      *Date*

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

The fee for the extension of time is **\$245** and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

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*Signature*

Dated: May 9, 2009

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